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THE QUR'AN AND THE RULE OF THE (MALE) IMAM

The Qur'an has delivered a stern warning concerning the choice of a ruler: "One day We shall call together

Allah Most High Himself chose an Imam for mankind when He declared to Abraham (peace be upon him)

Finally, there is a prayer recorded in the Qur'an itself in which the believing men pray to Allah Most High

Three times in history Allah Most High chose someone as His Messenger/Prophet and then ordained that

The Qur'an went on to declare that it was not only those Prophets (David, Solomon and Muhammad – p

There is a very clear implication in the divine choice of men, 124,000 times in all, and never even once a

SOLOMON AND THE RULE OF A WOMAN

The divine guidance on this matter was made even more explicit when the Qur'an narrated at length the

"And he (Solomon) searched among the birds and said: How is it that I do not see the hoopoe; is he (really)

(Solomon) said: We shall see whether you speak the truth (concerning the rule of a woman over Saba, a

(The Queen of Saba) said (when she received the letter): O chieftains! Lo! A noble letter has been delivered to you.

But when (the Queen's envoy) came to Solomon (with expensive gifts), he said: What! Do you seek to fulfill the desire of the Queen of Saba? (Qur'an, al-Naml, 37:20-37)

There is absolutely no evidence whatsoever to even suggest that (Biblical) Sheba had committed, or was about to commit, adultery.

There were many lands not under Solomon's control where people worshiped other than the One God. There were many people who did not believe in the One God.

Nor did the Queen of Sheba dismiss Solomon's letter with disrespect and arrogance. Rather she praised Solomon for his wisdom and the gifts he brought.

Those who, despite the divine guidance clearly represented in the above, choose a woman as their leader, are following the path of the Queen of Sheba.

The above verse of the Qur'an (with our commentary in brackets) has delivered the mother of all warnings to those who choose a woman as their leader.

Modern Judeo-Christian Western civilization was the first to adopt today's godless secularism which has led to the current state of affairs.

It is blasphemous and hypocritical for a constitution that recognizes "the supremacy of God" to then proclaim that women can be leaders.

And so, Islam has rejected such secularism and has insisted on recognition of Allah's Sovereignty and the fact that only men can be leaders.

What should a believer in the One God do? The answer is we are permitted to reside in a secular state as long as we do not allow it to influence our lives.

Why, we may ask ourselves, did Allah Most High choose only men as His Prophets and Messengers? And why did He choose only men as His leaders?

Let us first dismiss the notion that men are intellectually, morally or spiritually superior to women. Prophets

Rather, the implication is clearly recorded in the declaration of Prophet Muhammad himself (peace and blessings be upon him)

It can also be discerned in the conduct of the companions of the Prophet and their successors for as long as the

It is important for us to note that the divine guidance has never wavered on the subject of the rule of the

The protagonists of this possibility cling hard to the example of Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her) who

But the consensus of opinion all through the ages is that Ali was the last of the four rightly-guided Khulafat